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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ENERGY TALKS WITH VENEZUELA

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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH MARIANO GURFINKEL, GOV ENERGY ADVISOR, ON OCTOBER 13 TO REVIEW SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO VENEZUELAN FOR NOVEMBER 10-11 WORKING LEVEL ENERGY TALKS. GURFINKEL SAID THE GOV'S PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE IN THIS FIRST MEETING IS TO ESTABLISH A MECHANISM FOR CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS ON ENERGY MATTERS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. HE SEES THESE CONSULTATIONS FOCUSING, AT LEAST INITIALLY, ON TRADE MATTERS, SUCH AS COORDINATION OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND ESTIMATES, AND SAID SUCH TALKS NEED NOT AND PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. HE HAD NOTHING MORE TO ADD REGARDING SPECIFIC ISSUES NOW , BUT SAID TEAM WOULD BE HUDDLING ON THIS SHORTLY. HE EXPLAINED THAT IN PRINCIPLE HE ENVISAGED THAT EACH SIDE WOULD RAISE WHATEVER ISSUES WERE OF INTEREST TO IT IN THIS FIRST MEETING. GURFINKEL CONFIRMED THAT THE MINISTER STILL CONSIDERED JANUARY TO BE SUITABLE TIMING FOR HIS MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER.

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2. COMMENT. GURFINKEL'S EMPHASIS ON THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A MECHANISM FOR CONSULTATION, RATHER THAN ON SPECIFIC TOPICS, IS IN KEEPING WITH MINISTER HERNANDEZ'S OFT REPEATED EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON ENERGY MATTERS, SIMILAR TO THOSE NOW HELD WITH THE BRITISH, GERMANS AND CANADIANS. IN THE VENEZUELAN VIEW, DISCUSSIONS ON SPECIFIC TOPICS WILL EVOLVE NATURALLY AS AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST ARE IDENTIFIED.

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